STATE OF MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

BAKERY EQUIPMENT/DESIGN LTD.,

UNPUBLISHED September 13, 2002

Plaintiff/Counterdefendant/Third-Party Plaintiff,

 \mathbf{v}

No. 227575 Kent Circuit Court LC No. 97-013289-CZ

SUNRISE BAKERS L.L.C.,

Defendant/Counterplaintiff-Appellant.

and

TECNOPAST CARIN S.P.A.,

Third-Party Defendant-Appellee.

Before: Neff, P.J., and White and Owens, JJ.

WHITE, J. (dissenting).

Because I am unable to discern a meaningful distinction between this case and *Starbrite Distributing*, *Inc v Excelda Mfg Co*, 454 Mich 302; 562 NW2d 640 (1997), I dissent.¹

/s/ Helene N. White

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¹ This case is distinguishable from *Asahi Metal Industry Co v California Superior Court*, 480 US 102; 107 S Ct 1026; 94 L Ed 2d 92 (1987), relied on by defendant. In *Asahi*, the Japanese defendant sold its tire valve assemblies to a Taiwan company, which then, on its own and not as an agent for Asahi, incorporated the valve into tire tubes that were sold around the world, including in the United States, especially in California. Here, in contrast, the Italian company sold its product to a Michigan company, on this and on several other occasions.